

**Worship Outline**

**June 7, 2020**



Welcome

Opening prayer: (UMH 456)

**O Lord,**

**open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;  
open my ears that I may hear their cries;  
open my heart so that they need not be without succor;**

**let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,  
nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.**

**Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,  
and use me to bring them to those places.**

**And so open my eyes and my ears**

**that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee.**

**Amen.**

Song: At the name of Jesus (UMH 168)

**Wounded world that cries for healing - here we had each other's pain,  
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding bear the load, the scars of strain;  
dollars ration our compassion, hard decisions rule the day,  
Jesus of the healing Spirit, free us to another way!**

**Through our nation's spent frustration, through the corridors of stress  
may there move a kindlier wisdom all may feel, and all may bless;  
tax and tithe are for a purpose shared to child the poor and weak;  
past the symptoms of our sickness let the voice of justice speak.**

**Honor those whose loving spirit nurses hope, restores and heals,  
towel and basin used in service like the Christ who comes and kneels;  
in the tending, in the mending may we see the right and fair,  
in our common quest for wholeness heal each other by our care.**

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Pardon

And now with the confidence of children of God, we pray as Jesus taught, saying, **“Our Father...”**

Scripture readings: John 7: 37 - 39

Message: *Signs of Life - Water of Life*

Offering - This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to Centenary UMC, PO Box 630, Skowhegan ME 04976 or to an organization in your community that makes a positive difference in people's lives.

You may also offer God something that's on your heart: joy, gratefulness, anxiety, or something else.

Song: When the Church of Jesus (UMH 592)

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,**

**Lord let me lift up those who are weak.**

**And may the prayer of my heart always be:**

**Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

Benediction